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IN THE TITLE:

Kindly amend the title to read "Method and Apparatus for Forwarding Packets".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Page 21 beginning at line 6:

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Figures 1, 2 and 10 provide high level service and architectural views respectively of a CSI system according to the present invention. Figure 1 shows the concept of multiple, individual realms 18 for Public Internet and virtual private network (VPN) services within a CSI network. Figure 2 illustrates at a high level the internetworking devices that are logically partitioned into sub-elements and assigned to individual realms. In Figures 2 and 10 bridged and/or routed VPN and Internet services are provided to specific network users 14 through separate realms.

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Service interfaces 16 are provided by Edge Forwarders 20. Edge forwarders exchange encapsulated, interface-independent Protocol Data Units (PDUs) with the access terminations, and provide all control and auxiliary functions required by higher layer encapsulations and control protocols such as point to point protocol (PPP).

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One or more route servers 24 may communicate with other routing entities outside of the CSI system, for the exchange of internet routing information. From the point of view of routing, the route servers represent the CSI system to the outside world. This communication takes place at the internet layer, across an access termination or an edge forwarder.

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The foundation of a CSI system is an ATM network 22. On this ATM network, CSI coexists with other services that might be offered, such as circuit emulation. In practice, single ATM network may serve as all of: access network; distribution fabric; and transport fabric. The role of the ATM network is to provide high-speed, complete connectivity between components of a CSI system. All interfaces between the fabric and the components of a CSI system preferably are ATM UNI (User Network Interface) interfaces.